Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 14 of page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

According to another aspect of the invention, a method is provided for [[of]] deploying systems management software to multiple managed hosts within a network. The method includes positioning an installation station within the network in communication with at least a first and a second one of the hosts. A survey tool from the installation station is downloaded at the first and the second hosts. The hosts then execute the survey tool to gather environment information for the first and the second host and to create output files based on the gathered information. An installation tool is also downloaded from the installation station at the first and second hosts. The output files are transmitted to the installation station that responds by transferring a payload of the systems management software to both the first and second hosts. The installation tool then acts at each of the hosts to install the payload on the first and second hosts.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 15 of page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 1 illustrates one embodiment of a systems management software installation system 100 useful for remotely distributing and loading systems management software (e.g., the agent and/or other software portions of a platform) with the particular software payload being installed on each computer device being dynamically [[and]] selected and configured to better suit that computer device. The receiving computer devices will be referred to as managed hosts in the following discussion and as will be appreciated, may comprise a variety of single computer devices or, more likely, a system of computing devices that operate together and create a unique computing environment. Significantly, the installation system 100 is

adapted to remotely retrieve information from the managed hosts to determine the computing environment and then to select a software payload for each particular host and to configure the delivered and loaded payload based on this environment information. In this manner, the installation system 100 can rapidly deploy systems management software to numerous managed hosts from a remote location (i.e., an installation station) that is tailored to properly function on the managed host. The invention minimizes the need for teams of IT personnel to travel to each managed host site to configure and debug installed systems management software.